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WITHDRAWAL OF ASSISTANCE FOR SETTING UP FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

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(a) whether it is a fact that the assistance which was being provided for setting up of food processing industries has been withdrawn ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, the details of the schemes for setting up of food processing industries in operation at present?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAI)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c) : The scheme for Technology Upgradation/Establishment/Modernization of Food Processing Industries which was being implemented during 10th Plan has been continued during the 11th Plan period. During the 10th Plan, financial assistance was extended for Technology Upgradation/ Modernization/Establishment of food processing units in the form of grant - in -aid to all implementing agencies @ 25% of the cost of plant and machinery and technical civil works subject to maximum of Rs.50 lakhs in general areas or 33.33 % subject to a maximum of Rs.75 lakhs in difficult areas such as Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Sikkim and North Eastern States, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Laskshadweep and ITDP Areas. During 10th Plan, the applicant units engaged in setting up, technology upgradation, modernization of Food Processing Industries were required to submit the proposal to the Ministry through the State Nodal Agencies which are State Government departments / corporations. In the 11th Plan, in order to provide a thrust and wider coverage of its benefits to the food processing industries in the country and for speedy disposal of the applications,it has been decided to decentralize the implementation of the scheme through banks / financial institutions.Besides, there are other schemes for infrastructure development, upgradation of quality of street food, etc. which will also facilitate setting up of food processing industries.